COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

DATE: JUNE 6, 2019

FILE NO.: 019-00054-3199-013

C: ATTEMPTED MURDER ON A POLICE OFFICER – 664/187 P.C.; ATTEMPTED MURDER-664/187 P.C., ARSON-451 P.C., 29800(a)(1) P.C.-EX-FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM, ON-DUTY OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING (SUSPECT DECEASED)

ACTION: ACTIVE / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / SEARCH WARRANT SERVED / EVIDENCE COLLECTED /INTEVIEWS CONDUCTED

V: SEE BELOW

D/T: JUNE 6, 2019 (THURSDAY)
B/T 1228 -1841 HOURS

L: [redacted] BRIGHTON STREET,
SAN GABRIEL, CA 91776

S: JOSE SALVADOR MEZA MH/35
D.O.B: 01-17-1984, CII
#[redacted](DECEASED)

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LAW ENFORCEMENT VICTIMS:

1. DEPUTY KENNETH BROWN #[redacted](ADULT)
2. DEPUTY JOHN MONTENEGRO #[redacted](ADULT)
3. DEPUTY JUAN RODRIGUEZ #[redacted](ADULT)
4. DEPUTY CARLOS LOPEZ #[redacted](ADULT)
5. DEPUTY GRANT ROTH #[redacted](ADULT)
6. DEPUTY LARRY SWANSON #[redacted](ADULT)

7. DEPUTY SERGEANT MARIO CASTANEDA #[redacted] (ADULT)
8. DEPUTY NICHOLAS ADRAGNA #[redacted] (ADULT)
9. DEPUTY DANIEL FARRELL #[redacted] (ADULT)
10. LONG BEACH POLICE OFFICER [redacted] #[redacted] (ADULT)
11. LONG BEACH POLICE OFFICER [redacted] #[redacted] (ADULT)
12. LONG BEACH POLICE OFFICER [redacted] #[redacted] (ADULT)
13. DEPUTY ADAM STOLL #[redacted] (ADULT)
14. SERGEANT KEVIN BROWN #[redacted] (ADULT)
15. DEPUTY KEVIN SMELSER #[redacted] (ADULT)
16. DEPUTY TIMOTHY HAUSER #[redacted] (ADULT)
17. DEPUTY SERGIO JIMENEZ #[redacted] (ADULT)
18. DEPUTY EDGAR BONILLA #[redacted] (ADULT)

CIVILIAN VICTIMS:

1. [redacted] MH [redacted]

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EVIDENCE:

Note: *The following evidence was collected by Forensic Identification Specialist Sue Baker on June 6, 2019, and were marked with the initials "SEB."*

ITEM #

SEB-1 Expended cartridge case, .223 caliber, head stamp "Speer 18 223 REM", located inside the rear compartment of Item #G.

SEB-2 Expended cartridge case, .223 caliber, head stamp "Speer 18 223 REM", located inside the rear compartment of Item #G.

SEB-3 Expended cartridge case, .223 caliber, head stamp "Speer 18 223 REM", located inside the rear compartment of Item #G.

SEB-4 Expended cartridge case, .223 caliber, head stamp "Speer 18 223 REM", located on the roof of Item #G.

SEB-5 Expended cartridge case, .223 caliber, head stamp "Speer 18 223 REM", located on the roof of Item #G.



SEB-6 Expended cartridge case, .223 caliber, head stamp "Speer 18 223 REM", located on the roof of Item #G.

SEB-7 Expended cartridge case, .223 caliber, head stamp "WCC 10", located on the roof of Item #G.

SEB-8 Expended cartridge case, .40 caliber, head stamp "Winchester 40 S & W", located 4'4" south of the north 10 freeway block wall, and 11'8" east of the west curb line of Brighton Street.

SEB-9 Foam baton projectile, located 30'11" west of the west exterior wall of [redacted] and 37'6" south of the north property wall of [redacted]

Note: *The following evidence was collected from the interior of the rear residence located at* [redacted] *on June 7, 2019. The items were marked with* ***white*** *numbered placards and are identified using the letter "W" with each item number.*

ITEM #

W-1 Arwen projectile, located 0'0" north of the south bedroom wall, and 6'3" east of the west bedroom wall, lying on top of a sitting stool.

W-2 Arwen projectile, located 4'8" north of the south bedroom wall, and 1'2" east of the west bedroom wall, lying on top of bed.

W-3 Arwen projectile, located 9'0" north of the south bedroom wall, and 4'1" east of the west bedroom wall, lying on the carpet floor.

W-4 Arwen projectile, located 4'4" north of the south living room wall, and 8'8" east of the west living room wall, lying on the carpet floor.

W-5 One cardboard ammunition box containing 9 live Federal hollow point, 12 gauge shotgun shells, located 5'5" north of the south living room wall, and 6'2" east of the west living room wall, lying on the carpet floor.

W-6 Live 12 gauge shotgun shell, head stamp "Winchester #8," located 4'10" north of the south living room wall, and 3'5" east of the west living room wall, lying on the carpet floor.

W-7 Live 12 gauge shotgun shell, head stamp "Winchester #8," located 2'4" north of the south living room wall, and 2'0" east of the west living room wall, lying on the carpet floor.

W-8 One empty 12 gauge "Remington" magazine, located 3'5" north of the south living room wall, and 1'8" east of the west living room wall, lying on the carpet floor.

W-9 One empty 12 gauge "Remington" magazine, located 4'1" north of the south living room wall, and 1'6" east of the west living room wall, lying on the carpet floor.

W-10 Expended 12 gauge shotgun shell, head stamp "Winchester #8," located 0'2" north of the south living room wall, and 0'0" east of the west living room wall, lying on top of clothing.

W-11 Expended cartridge case, .40 caliber, head stamp "Federal S & W LN," located 8'5" north of the south living room wall, and 1'1" east of the west living room wall, lying on the carpet floor.

W-12 Arwen projectile, located 12'6" north of the south bedroom wall, and 1'3" east of the west bedroom wall, lying on the carpet floor.

W-13 Fired bullet, located in brown couch, related to bullet hole TLP-O.

W-14 Live 12 gauge shotgun shell, head stamp "Winchester #8," located 3'5" north of the south interior bathroom wall, and 7'6" east of the west interior bathroom wall, lying on the floor.

W-15 Live 12 gauge shotgun shell, head stamp "Winchester #8," located 3'1" north of the south interior bathroom wall, and 7'5" east of the west interior bathroom wall, lying on the floor.

W-16 Live 12 gauge shotgun shell, head stamp "Winchester #8," located 2'8" north of the south interior bathroom wall, and 7'4" east of the west interior bathroom wall, lying on the floor.

W-17 Live 12 gauge shotgun shell, head stamp "Winchester #8," located 2'10" north of the south interior bathroom wall, and 6'9" east of the west interior bathroom wall, lying on the floor.

W-18 Expended 12 gauge shotgun shell, head stamp "Winchester #8," located 2'10" north of the south interior bathroom wall, and 6'4" east of the west interior bathroom



wall, lying on the floor.

W-19 Expended 12 gauge shotgun shell, head stamp "Winchester #8," located 2'6" north of the south interior bathroom wall, and 5'6" east of the west interior bathroom wall, lying on the floor.

W-20 Live 12 gauge shotgun shell, head stamp "Winchester #8," located 1'10" north of the south interior bathroom wall, and 3'3" east of the west interior bathroom wall, lying on the floor.

W-21 Live 12 gauge shotgun shell, head stamp "Winchester #8," located 4'11" north of the south interior bathroom wall, and 7'3" east of the west interior bathroom wall, lying on the floor.

W-22 Live 12 gauge shotgun shell, head stamp "Winchester #8," located 4'8" north of the south interior bathroom wall, and 6'6" east of the west interior bathroom wall, lying on the floor.

W-23 Expended 12 gauge shotgun shell, head stamp "Winchester #8," located 5'1" north of the south interior bathroom wall, and 5'11" east of the west interior bathroom wall, lying on the floor.

W-24 Expended 12 gauge shotgun shell, head stamp "Federal," located 5'2" north of the south interior bathroom wall, and 5'6" east of the west interior bathroom wall, lying on the floor.

W-25 Live 12 gauge shotgun shell, head stamp "Winchester #8," located 5'0" north of the south interior bathroom wall, and 5'6" east of the west interior bathroom wall, lying on the floor.

W-26 Expended 12 gauge shotgun shell, head stamp "Winchester #8," located 6'1" north of the south interior bathroom wall, and 4'10" east of the west interior bathroom wall, lying on the floor.

W-27 One empty 12 gauge "Remington" magazine, located 4'9" north of the south interior bathroom wall, and 4'2" east of the west interior bathroom wall, lying on the floor.

W-28 One 12 gauge "Remington" magazine with live shotgun shells, located 4'8" north of the south interior bathroom wall, and 4'2" east of the west interior bathroom wall, lying on the floor.



W-29 One chrome and black 9mm semi-automatic handgun, "Taurus," model PT111G20, serial #[redacted] with inserted (12 round capacity) magazine containing 10 live 9mm "WIN" rounds, and 1 live 9mm "WIN" round in the chamber, located 3'9" north of the south interior bathroom wall, and 2'6" east of the west interior bathroom wall, lying on the floor.

W-30 One black and chrome .40 caliber semi-automatic handgun, "Kahr," model P40, serial [redacted] with inserted empty magazine, and 1 live .40 caliber "FC 40" round in the chamber, located 4'1" north of the south interior bathroom wall, and 2'4" east of the west interior bathroom wall, lying on the floor.

W-31 Fired bullet on west interior bathroom wall, located 2'0" high, and 2'9" north of south interior bathroom wall.

W-32 Arwen projectile, located 3'1" north of the south interior bathroom wall, and 2'10" east of the west interior bathroom wall, lying on the floor.

W-33 One green metal ammunition canister, labelled "50 caliber," full to capacity with "Winchester" 12 gauge shotgun shells, located 2'7" north of the south interior bathroom wall, and 5'11" east of the west interior bathroom wall, lying on the floor.

W-34 Bullet fragment on east interior bathroom wall, located 3'7" high, 1'9" north of the south interior bathroom wall and 7'4" north of south interior bathroom wall.

W-35 Arwen projectile, located 2'9" high, 1'3" north of the south dining room wall, and 7'4" east of the west dining room wall, lying on top of a counter.

W-36 Arwen projectile, located 2'3" north of the south dining room wall, and 0'1" east of the west dining room wall, lying on the floor.

W-37 Arwen projectile, located 2'1" north of the south dining room wall, and 2'3" east of the west dining room wall, lying on the floor.

W-38 Arwen projectile, located 5'7" north of the south laundry room wall, and 3'9" east of the west laundry room wall, lying on the floor.

W-39 Arwen projectile, located 8'9" north of the south kitchen room wall, and 4'10" east of the west kitchen room wall, lying on the floor.

W-40 Gray "Dickies" men's shorts, size 40 waist, with a black leather belt, located on the



bathroom floor.

W-41 Thirty (30) live 9mm ammunition rounds, head stamp "WIN 9mm Luger," located inside the front right pocket of Item #W-40.

W-41B One quarter, U.S. currency located inside the front right pocket of Item #W-40.

W-42 One yellow towel and one glass bulbous pipe, commonly used for the ingestion of methamphetamine, located inside the front left-front pocket of Item #W-40.

W-43 One box of cigarettes, nail clippers, and a screwdriver, located inside the front left pocket of Item #W-40.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE:

ITEM #

EV-F Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department armored vehicle, equipment #1416, California license #1391185, "Lenco" bear cat, with yellow Paramedic decals located 137'4" south of the south curb line of Saxon Avenue and 4'0" west of the east curb line of the 10 freeway, exit #25 off ramp. (Rear bumper measurement).

EV-G Long Beach Police Department armored vehicle, equipment # 8911, California license #1203099, located 93'5" south of the south curb line of Saxon Avenue and 2'3" west of the east curb line of the 10 freeway, exit #25 off ramp. (Rear bumper measurement).

Note: *The following firearms related evidence was identified by Senior Criminalist Tracy Peck #[redacted] and were marked with the initials "TLP."*

TLP-A One bullet hole on the west property line wooden fence of [redacted] located 110'5" south of the south curb line of Saxon Avenue, 8'2" east of the east curb line of the 10 freeway, exit 25 off ramp, and 5'4" high.

Note: *Items #TLP-B through TLP-J are firearms related evidence located in the front residence at [redacted] and are documented in a separate supplemental report by Detectives David Gunner #[redacted] and Alfred Jaime #[redacted] The following items TLP-K through TLP-T were located in the rear residence at the location.*



TLP-K: Shotgun (projectile) hole in the south bedroom wall, just west of window.

TLP-L: Shot pellet pattern in the exterior face of the bedroom door, near bottom of door.

TLP-M: Shot pellet pattern in the living room ceiling.

TLP-N: Three shotgun (projectile) holes in the living room ceiling.

TLP-O: Bullet hole in the seat back of the living room sofa.

TLP-P: Shotgun (projectile) hole in the north bathroom wall.

TLP-Q: Shotgun (projectile) hole in the north bathroom wall.

TLP-R: Bullet (exit) hole in the shower tile on west bathroom wall.

TLP-S: Bullet (exit) hole in the shower tile on west bathroom wall.

TLP-T: Bullet hole in the east bathroom wall.

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RESPONSE

On June 6, 2019, at approximately 1920 hours, Detectives Theo Baljet and Daniel Machuca, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau, responded to [redacted] San Gabriel to assist Detective Mike Davis and Sergeant Troy Ewing investigate an attempt murder on a peace officer, which resulted in an officer and deputy involved shooting.

Detectives were detailed to assist the handling unit in processing the crime scene, specifically the rear residence at [redacted] San Gabriel, CA, and the 10 freeway Del Mar Ave (Exit 25) off ramp, located to the west of the west property line of [redacted]

Assisting detectives in documenting and collecting evidence at the scene were Los Angeles County Forensic Identification Specialist (F.I.S.) Stephanie Marr #[redacted] Sue Baker #[redacted] and Senior Criminalist (Firearms Section) Tracy Peck #[redacted]



SHOOTING SCENE

At approximately 2025 hours, detectives responded to [redacted] San Gabriel. Detectives observed Brighton Street to be cordoned with yellow crime scene tape along Saxon Avenue. Detectives observed Brighton Street to be a north and south street with a single lane in each direction. Brighton Street went south from Saxton Avenue into a cul de sac.

Brighton Street had residential properties on both sides of the street. At the south end of the cul de sac, detectives observed a 6 foot cinder block wall that went east and west. The cinder block wall separated the residential neighborhood from the Interstate 10 Freeway.

The property at [redacted] is the [redacted] property [redacted] of the [redacted] end of the cul de sac, on the [redacted] side of Brighton Street, with another residential property [redacted] located to the south.

Detectives observed an opening on the cinder block wall, which allowed pedestrian access into a dirt area covered with vegetation and trees. This vegetated area ran parallel with the westbound Del Mar Avenue off ramp (Exit #25) from the I-10 Freeway. The off ramp for Del Mar Avenue begins in a westbound direction, parallel to the freeway. The ramp also parallel's the south property line of [redacted] The ramp curves to the north at which point it runs in a north/south direction and parallels the rear (west) property lines of [redacted] and [redacted] North of the properties, the ramp comes to a "T" intersection with Saxon Avenue, which extends east of the ramp. North of Saxon Avenue, the ramp again curves to the west, ultimately ending in a "T" intersection with Del Mar Avenue, a major north/south thoroughfare. In the north/south portion of the ramp, it was paralleled to the west by a portion of the Del Mar Avenue on-ramp to the westbound I-10 freeway. The on and off ramps were separated by a small raised asphalt curb.

Detectives observed Exit 25A, to be cordoned off with yellow crime scene tape to Del Mar Avenue. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies were parked inside the cordoned area providing security as well as maintaining integrity of the crime scene.

On the northbound single lane (Exit #25A), detectives observed two (2) armored vehicles facing south toward the Interstate 10 Freeway. The armored vehicles were positioned along the west property line walls of [redacted] and [redacted] Both vehicles were facing south. Detectives identified the southernmost vehicle to be a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department armored vehicle **(Item SEB-F)**. Several feet to the north (behind) of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's armored vehicle, detectives identified



a Long Beach Police Department armored vehicle **(Item SEB-G)**.

Detectives observed the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department armored vehicle (Item SEB-F) to have both rear hatch doors opened. On the interior of the rear hatch doors, detectives observed yellow Paramedic decals, which were visible in the opened position. The roof hatch was also locked in the open position and the engine was running. Inside the rear compartment of the armored vehicle, detectives observed two gurneys, medical bags, and medical equipment. The armor vehicle was a "Lenco" bear cat, bearing California license plate #1391185, and LASD equipment #SX1416.

To the rear (north) of Item SEB-F, detectives observed a Long Beach Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics armored vehicle (Item SEB-G). Both rear hatch doors were opened. The roof hatch as well as a door on the east side of the armored vehicle were opened. Inside the rear compartment of the armored vehicle, detectives observed breaching tools and additional tactical equipment. The armored vehicle was bearing California license #1203099, and LBPD equipment #8911.

Detectives noted the following items of evidence on the Long Beach Department Special Weapons and Tactics armored vehicle (Item SEB-G):

- Two expended cartridge cases, .223 caliber, head stamp "Speer 18 223 REM," (**Items SEB-1 and SEB-2**) on the floor of the rear compartment;
- One expended cartridge case, .223 caliber, head stamp "Speer 18 223 REM," (**Item SEB-3**) on a raised standing platform under the hatch;
- Two expended cartridge cases, .223 caliber, head stamp "Speer 18 223 REM," (**Item SEB-4 and SEB-5**) on top of the armored vehicle's roof;
- One expended cartridge case, .223 caliber, head stamp "Speer 18 223 REM," (**Item SEB-6**) on top of the armored vehicles roof near the hatch hinge;
- One expended cartridge case, .223 caliber, head stamp "WCC 10," (**Item SEB-7**) on top of the armored vehicles roof near the hatch. It appeared Item SEB-7 may had been pre-existing due to its color and slight deformation. No additional evidence was collected from Item SEB-G.

Senior Criminalist Tracy Peck identified a bullet hole (**Item TLP-A**) on a brown wooden fence, which was the west property line barrier for [redacted] The fence separated the backyard of [redacted] with the Exit 25A off ramp. The fence was just east of the Long Beach Police Department armored vehicle.

Along the vegetated area, which was south of the north property wall of the Interstate 10 Freeway at Brighton Street, detectives identified an expended cartridge case, .40 caliber, head stamp "Winchester 40 S & W" (**Item SEB-8**). The cartridge was southeast of the

pedestrian opening. No additional evidence was identified along the Interstate10 Freeway and/or Exit 25A.

To the south of [redacted] detectives noted the property at [redacted] The property at [redacted] was separated from [redacted] with a chain linked fence to the north. To the south, [redacted] was separated from the Interstate 10 Freeway with a 6 foot cinder block wall. On the property, detectives observed a living structure on the east side of the property closest to Brighton Street, possibly a converted garage. There is a residence to the rear of the living structure. The front living structure (Unit #[redacted] and the rear residence (Unit #[redacted] are separated with a gated yard. Detectives observed miscellaneous items such as chairs and a children's swing set inside the gated yard.

The property at [redacted] has a paved driveway on the north side that runs parallel to the driveway of [redacted] This driveway allows vehicle and/or pedestrian access to the rear residence from Brighton Street. The driveway is separated to the west with a chain linked fence. The enclosed area west of the chain linked fence serves as the backyard to [redacted]

In the back yard of [redacted] detectives observed a foam baton projectile (**Item SEB-9**) lying on the ground next to the west property wall. No additional physical evidence was identified on the property at [redacted]

On June 7, 2019, at approximately 0315 hours, detectives left the crime scene under the control an supervision of Temple Station Unit 54/EM's, Deputies Hernandez #[redacted] and Higareda #[redacted] Deputies Hernandez and Higadera were assisted in securing the crime scene by additional Temple Sheriff Station units as well as officers from the San Gabriel Police Department.

On June 7, 2019 at approximately 0900 hours, Detectives Baljet and Machuca returned to the crime scene and were tasked to process the interior of the rear residence at [redacted] Assisting detectives in documenting and collecting evidence at the scene were Los Angeles County Forensic Identification Specialist (FIS) Sue Baker #[redacted] Dave Alonso #[redacted] and Antoinette Bravo #[redacted] and by Senior Criminalists (Firearms Section) Tracy Peck #[redacted] and Anny Wu #[redacted]

Detectives noted the front residence sustained severe damage from the structure fire. All of the windows to the front residence were broken and did not contain any glass. The roof to the front residence had been burned completely.

Detectives noted the rear residence to be comprised of brown stucco with beige trim.

Between the front and rear residence, detectives observed a beige wooden fence with an opened pedestrian door. To the north of the beige fence, detectives observed an enclosed paved concrete yard with miscellaneous items.

On the east facing wall of the rear residence, detectives observed two concrete steps leading to an old door opening, which had been sealed off with drywall and stucco. To the north of the steps and on the east facing residence wall, detectives observed a window. The window screen to the window was lying on the paved yard and the window was shattered. Glass from the window was also lying on the paved yard. To the north of the north residence wall, detectives observed large wooden storage, which was secured with a pad lock. This storage along with large vegetation prevented pedestrian access into the backyard from the east side of the property.

Detectives observed the front door to the rear residence was located on the easternmost portion of the south side of the residence. The front door was accessed via a covered porch constructed of lumber. The front door faced south and had a black security screen door. Both the security screen door and the interior wooden door were broken and slightly holding on by the hinges. On the porch, just east of the door, detectives observed the plywood flooring was burned.

To the south of the porch, detectives observed the driveway which was paved from Brighton Street to the rear residence, now consisted of dirt. There was a brown wooden gate, which allowed vehicle and/or pedestrian traffic into the back yard of the rear residence. The gate into the backyard was also damaged.

On the south facing wall of the rear residence, detectives observed a shattered window. Detectives later learned the window belonged to the single bedroom inside the rear residence. Along the south facing wall, detectives observed tools, large maintenance equipment, wheels (rims), and loose vehicle parts. To the west of the bedroom window, detectives observed a smaller window. Detectives later learned the smaller window belonged to the bathroom inside the rear residence.

To the west of the west facing wall, detectives observed a black 12 gauge tactical shotgun, covered in apparent blood, lying on top of two cinder blocks. To the north of the shotgun, and on the west facing wall, detectives observed an opened door. The rear door allowed access from the backyard into the residence. The door entry had concrete steps, which contained apparent blood spatter. To the north of the rear door and on the west facing wall, detectives observed an additional window. Detectives later learned the window belonged to the kitchen inside the rear residence. Detectives observed additional tools, maintenance equipment, and paint gallons along the west facing wall on top of a work table.



On the north side of the rear residence, detectives observed an erected canopy. Under the canopy, detectives observed several vehicle tires and loose vehicle parts. East of the canopy, detectives observed a shattered window on the north facing wall. Detectives later learned the window belonged to the dining area inside the rear residence. To the east of the window, detectives observed large vegetation, which prevented access to the paved yard on the east side of the rear residence.

Upon entering the rear residence via the front door, detectives observed a living room. There was a brown couch (three seat cushions) and a love seat (two seat cushions), which had both been turned upside down. The couch was lying just inside the front door and the love seat was to the west. Despite tear gas being deployed hours before processing the scene, certain areas in the rear residence were still affected.

The living room was covered with brown carpet material. Live and expended ammunition were visible on the carpet from the front door. To the north of the brown couches, detectives observed a television stand with a television. Next to the television stand was a recliner chair. Detectives noted an unopened pink box of "Big Fireworks" brand "16 Shot" fireworks in the southwest corner of the room, just east of the bathroom door.

To the south of the living room and west of the front door, detectives observed a bedroom. Inside the bedroom, detectives observed a bed with the headboard against the south wall. Above the bed on the south wall, detectives observed a shattered window. There was a curtain rod with off-white curtains attached which was removed from the wall and lying across the bed and floor. To the east of the bed and along the south interior wall, detectives observed a wooden stool. Detectives observed a wooden dresser along with clothing and miscellaneous items along the east interior wall. The door to the bedroom was broken and the bedroom floor was covered with carpet material.

To the west of the living room and north of the bedroom, detectives observed a bathroom. The door to the bathroom was also broken and was removed from the door hinges. Detectives observed additional live and expended ammunition along with two handguns on the bathroom floor. The bathroom contained a shower on the southwest corner. The glass shower enclosure panels had been removed from their base and were leaning against the south wall. Detectives observed a small window to the east of the shower on the south wall. Detectives also identified a sink and a toilet inside the bathroom. The toilet was unseated from the drain and lying on its back. There was a small night stand with two drawers in the south east corner.

To the north of the bathroom and west of the living room, detectives observed a dining room area. Detectives observed three wooden chairs and a table which had been turned



on its side and was leaning against the north wall. There was a wooden buffet/hutch along the south wall. Above the hutch, near the ceiling, detectives observed a large hole on the south wall. On the north wall, detectives observed a shattered window. Detectives observed Arwen projectiles on the tiled dining room floor. Several tile pieces were broken and several were missing.

To the west of the dining room area, detectives observed a door opening which allowed access into a kitchen area. Detectives observed a kitchen counter and a sink on the west wall. Detectives observed a window on the west wall above the kitchen counter. The window was partially covered by a large carpeted piece of plywood (unknown origin). Detectives also observed an oven/stove in the northeast corner of the kitchen.

To the south of the kitchen, detectives observed a door opening which allowed access into a laundry room. Inside the laundry room, detectives observed a washer and dryer. The washer was situated in the northeast corner and was leaning slightly forward. The dryer was lying on its side and was partially blocking the rear door. The rear door allowed access into the backyard. There was a refrigerator in the southeast corner of the room and a shelving unit along the easternmost portion of the south wall.

On the east side of the rear residence and east of the front door, detectives observed a den. The den had been converted into a bedroom. Detectives observed a bed along the north wall, a desk along the east wall, and miscellaneous items along the south wall. Large boxes of unopened fireworks were observed inside the den.

Inside the bedroom located on the south side of the residence, detectives located the following items of evidence. An Arwen projectile (**Item W-1**) lying on top of a wooden stool, an Arwen projectile (**Item W-2**) lying on top of the bed, and an Arwen projectile (**Item W-3**) lying on the carpet floor north of the bed. Criminalist Peck identified a bullet hole (**Item TLP-K**) in the south wall of the bedroom, just west of the window. She also identified several bullet holes (**Item TLP-L**) consistent with a shotgun blast in the bedroom door near the lower hinge.

Inside the living room, detectives located the following items of evidence on the carpet floor: Two Arwen projectiles (**Items W-4 W-12**), a box containing 9 live "Federal" 12 gauge rifled slugs (**Item W-5**), two live 12 gauge "Winchester" shotgun shell (**Items W-6 and W-7**), two empty 12 gauge "Remington" shotgun magazine (**Items W-8 and W-9**), one expended 12 gauge "Winchester" shotgun shell (**Item W-10**), and one expended .40 caliber "Federal S & W LN" cartridge case (**Item W-11**). Criminalist Peck identified a bullet hole (**Item TLP-O**) which entered the rear of the brown couch and travelled through the back cushion and into the seat cushion, where she recovered a fired bullet (**Item W-13**) from a tuft of white filler material which was protruding from the front of the seat cushion.



She also identified a bullet hole (**Item TLP-M**) and a group of three additional bullet holes (**Item TLP-N**) in the living room ceiling, just outside (east) of the bathroom door. She also noted a large bullet hole (**Item TLP-P**) in the bottom of the brown couch. She also identified a bullet hole Item (**TLP-T**) in the south wall of the living room

Inside the bathroom, detectives noted eight live 12 gauge "Winchester" shotgun shells (**Items W-14, W-15, W-16, W-17, W-20, W-21, W-22, and W-25**), four expended 12 gauge "Winchester" shotgun shells (**Items W-18, W-19, W-23, and W-26**), and one expended 12 gauge "Federal" shotgun shell (**Item W-24**). Criminalist Peck identified a large bullet hole (**Item TLP-Q**) on the north wall of the bathroom, which exited through a wooden cabinet against the south wall of the dining area. She also identified two bullet holes (Items **TLP-R** and **TLP-S**) in the tiled west wall of the shower area. Criminalist Peck recovered a fired bullet (**Item W-31**) from inside Item TLP-S.

Additionally inside the bathroom, detectives noted an empty 12 gauge "Remington" shotgun magazine (**Item W-27**), a 12 gauge "Remington" shotgun magazine containing several live "Winchester" shotgun shells (**Item W-28**), a chrome and black 9mm semi-automatic "Taurus" handgun, with an inserted magazine containing 10 live "WIN" rounds and 1 live "WIN" round in the chamber (**Item W-29**), a black and chrome .40 caliber semi-automatic "Kahr" handgun, with an inserted empty magazine and 1 live "FC 40" round in the chamber (**Item W-30**), an Arwen projectile (**Item W-32**), a green metal can containing numerous live "Winchester" shotgun shells (**Item W-33**), and a bullet fragment (**Item W-34**).

Detectives recovered an Arwen projectile (**Item W-35**) from the buffet counter top in the dining area. Two additional Arwen projectiles (**Items W-36** and **W-37**) were recovered from the floor in the southwest corner of the dining area.

Detective recovered an Arwen projectile (**Item W-38**) from a floor mat which was lying across the doorway between the kitchen and the laundry room. An additional Arwen projectile (**Item W-39**) was recovered from the floor along the north wall of the kitchen.

Inside the bathroom, detectives also noted a pair of gray "Dickies" shorts, size 40, with a black leather belt (**Item W-40**). Inside the front right pocket of the "Dickies" shorts, detectives noted 30 live "WIN" 9mm ammunition rounds (**Item W-41**) and a quarter US Currency (**Item W-41B**). Inside the front left pocket of the "Dickies" shorts, detectives noted a glass bulbous pipe wrapped in a yellow towel (**Item W-42**) and miscellaneous items such as cigarettes, a nail clipper, and a screw driver (**Item W-43**). No additional evidence was collected and/or documented inside the rear residence at [redacted] San Gabriel, CA.

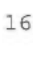


JUNE 6, 2019 **019-00054-3199-013**

The following Items were booked by Detective Machuca at Homicide Bureau. W-1, W-2, W-3, W-4, W-5, W-6, W-12, W-32, W-33, W-36, W-37, W-38, W-39, and W-43.

Item W-42 was booked at Temple Sheriff's Station by Deputy Drazenovic [redacted]

BY: DETECTIVE DANIEL MACHUCA, [redacted]
DETECTIVE THEODOR BALJET, [redacted]
APPROVED BY: LIEUTENANT RODNEY MOORE, [redacted]
HOMICIDE BUREAU - DETECTIVE DIVISION





COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

DATE: JUNE 6, 2019

FILE NO.: 019-00054-3199-013

C: ATTEMPTED MURDER ON A POLICE OFFICER – 664/187 P.C.; ATTEMPTED MURDER-664/187 P.C., ARSON-451 P.C., 29800(a)(1) P.C.-EX-FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARMON, DUTY OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING (SUSPECT DECEASED)

ACTION: ACTIVE / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / SEARCH WARRANT SERVED/ EVIDENCE COLLECTED

V: SEE BELOW

D/T: JUNE 06, 2019 (THURSDAY) B/T 1228 -1841 HOURS

L: [redacted] BRIGHTON STREET, SAN GABRIEL, CA. 91776

S: JOSE SALVADOR MEZA MH/35
D.O.B: 01-17-1984, CII #[redacted]
(DECEASED)

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LAW ENFORCEMENT VICTIMS:

1. DEPUTY KENNETH BROWN #[redacted] (ADULT)
2. DEPUTY JOHN MONTENEGRO #[redacted] (ADULT)
3. DEPUTY JUAN RODRIGUEZ #[redacted] (ADULT)
4. DEPUTY CARLOS LOPEZ #[redacted] (ADULT)
5. DEPUTY GRANT ROTH #[redacted] (ADULT)
6. DEPUTY LARRY SWANSON #[redacted] (ADULT)
7. DEPUTY SERGEANT MARIO CASTANEDA #[redacted] (ADULT)
8. DEPUTY NICHOLAS ADRAGNA #[redacted] (ADULT)
9. DEPUTY DANIEL FARRELL #[redacted] (ADULT)
10. LONG BEACH POLICE OFFICER [redacted] #[redacted] (ADULT)
11. LONG BEACH POLICE OFFICER [redacted] # [redacted] (ADULT)
12. LONG BEACH POLICE OFFICER [redacted] #[redacted] (ADULT)
13. DEPUTY ADAM STOLL #[redacted] (ADULT)
14. SERGEANT KEVIN BROWN #[redacted] (ADULT)
15. DEPUTY KEVIN SMELSER #[redacted] (ADULT)
16. DEPUTY TIMOTHY HAUSER #[redacted] (ADULT)
17. DEPUTY SERGIO JIMENEZ [redacted] (ADULT)

SH-AD-32A (8/17)



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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DATE: August 29, 2022
FILE NO: 019-00054-3199-011

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: JOSE G. MENDOZA, A/CHIEF
DETECTIVE DIVISION

TO: ALEX VILLANUEVA
SHERIFF

SUBJECT: LETTER OF OPINION ON DEPUTY-INVOLVED SHOOTING

The attached Letter of Opinion was received from the District Attorney's Office regarding the case involving Deputy Grant Roth, #[redacted] and San Gabriel Police Department Detective [redacted] #[redacted]

STATION:	Special Enforcement Bureau in San Gabriel
DATE / TIME OF SHOOTING:	June 6, 2019, 1228 Hours
SUSPECT:	Meza, Jose MH/35 (Deceased)
LOCATION:	[redacted] Brighton Avenue San Gabriel

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S CONCLUSION:

The following is an excerpt from the District Attorney's Letter of Opinion.

"We conclude that the deadly force utilized by Deputy Grant Roth and Detective [redacted] was legally justified in self-defense and the defense of others."

JGM:AM:no



LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
BUREAU OF PROSECUTION SUPPORT OPERATIONS
JUSTICE SYSTEM INTEGRITY DIVISION

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August 29, 2022

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Captain [redacted]
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Re: Fatal Officer Involved Shooting of Jose Meza
J.S.I.D. File #19-0258
S.G.P.D. File #2019-01323
L.A.S.D. File #019-00054-3199-013

Dear Chief Harris and Captain [redacted]

The Justice System Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has completed its review of the June 6, 2019, fatal shooting of Jose Meza by Deputy Grant Roth of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and Detective [redacted] of the San Gabriel Police Department. Our detailed analysis of this incident is contained in the attached memorandum.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE GASCÓN
District Attorney

ALAN YOCHELSON
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c: Deputy Grant Roth, #[redacted]
Detective [redacted] #[redacted]

MEMORANDUM

TO: CHIEF GENE HARRIS
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FROM: JUSTICE SYSTEM INTEGRITY DIVISION
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DATE: August 29, 2022

The Justice System Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has completed its review of the June 6, 2019, fatal shooting of Jose Meza by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Deputy Grant Roth and San Gabriel Police Department (SGPD) Detective [redacted] We have determined that Deputy Roth and Detective [redacted] acted in lawful self-defense and the defense of others when they fired their duty weapons.

The District Attorney's Command Center was notified of this shooting on June 6, 2019, at approximately 7:15 p.m. The District Attorney Response Team responded to the scene and was given a briefing and walk-through by Lieutenant Rodney Moore.[1]

The following analysis is based on reports and other materials, including recorded interviews, photographs, video recordings, and radio communications submitted to this office by LASD Homicide Bureau. No compelled statements were considered in this analysis.

FACTUAL ANALYSIS

On June 6, 2019, at approximately 12:30 p.m., San Gabriel Police Department (SGPD) officers were notified of a family disturbance at a property on Brighton Avenue in the City of San Gabriel. The property is comprised of three separate residences, Unit [redacted] and Unit [redacted] which are attached, and Unit [redacted] The property is owned by Meza's [redacted] A [redacted] reported that

[1] The walk-through was limited to the perimeter of the property due to the recent fire damage to the structures.

Meza was armed with a handgun, and Meza had previously stated that if he had any contact with the police, he would have a shootout because he did not want to go back to prison.

[redacted] described Meza as a methamphetamine user and a gang member known to regularly be armed with a handgun. [redacted] also reported Meza's recent violent confrontations with other [redacted] On the weekend of May 5, 2019, Meza fired one or more rounds from a handgun at his [redacted] at the property. Several hours later, he pointed a handgun at another [redacted] and told the [redacted] he was going to kill his [redacted] On June 1, 2019, Meza fired three rounds at his [redacted] car, which was parked at the property. Meza left the property prior to the SGPD officers' arrival.

SGPD OIS

On June 6, 2019, after [redacted] informed SGPD officers that Meza was armed and dangerous, SGPD Detective [redacted] responded to the property. [redacted] were concerned about the safety of Meza's [redacted] who was reported to be sleeping inside Unit [redacted]

After repeated attempts, officers contacted Meza's [redacted] via cell phone and asked him to exit the unit. At approximately 2:00 p.m., as Meza's [redacted] walked along the driveway toward the street, Meza fired several rounds from inside Unit [redacted] toward his [redacted] direction. [redacted] later stated to investigators that he heard four gunshots come from the property and saw Meza's [redacted] run for cover.

Shortly thereafter, [redacted] stated he observed a cloud of smoke rise from the stucco of Unit [redacted] that faced his direction. [redacted] believed that Meza fired in his direction when he was standing with SGPD Officer [redacted] Later, [redacted] heard approximately three gunshots being fired at a man exiting a condominium complex across the street from the property. At approximately 3:00 p.m., another man exited the complex, and [redacted] yelled for the man to return to his residence. Again, Meza fired approximately two times from within Unit [redacted] saw puffs of smoke coming out of the stucco of Unit [redacted] wall, which faced the condominium complex across the street. [redacted] stated that he believed Meza fired at the man, and [redacted] was concerned for the man's safety. In response, [redacted] fired one round from his service weapon, a handgun, in the direction of the source of the gunfire inside Unit [redacted] No civilians were struck by Meza's gunfire. Also, based on the totality of the circumstances, it appears that Meza was not struck by [redacted] SGPD requested assistance and at approximately 3:30 p.m., LASD's Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) responded to the location.

LASD OIS

Roth was a deputy assigned to SEB. After SEB and Roth arrived at the property, Meza continued to fire several volleys of gunshots in different directions outside the property.

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[2] These incidents were not initially reported to the police.

[redacted] saw "concrete splatter" on the ground near the [redacted] as he walked toward the street. [redacted] also believed Meza fired a round in his direction when he was speaking with [redacted] and he heard a "zip" sound and an impact near the cinderblock wall near where they stood.

At approximately 4:30 p.m., Meza set fire to the interior of Unit [redacted] At approximately 5:15 p.m., Meza exited the rear door of Unit [redacted] into the backyard and shortly thereafter entered Unit [redacted] Meza continued to shoot at and ignite fireworks in the direction of SEB deputies located on the perimeter of the property.[4] Unit [redacted] became engulfed in flames and the smoke affected the deputies' visibility. Some deputies attempted to extinguish the fire with the fire department's water hoses, but firefighting efforts were hindered because of the deadly threat Meza posed.

Video footage from news helicopters captured an aerial view of the fire and Meza's movements around the property. Meza moved between vehicles and a boat in the backyard. News footage captured Meza crawling under a truck holding two silver handguns before running inside Unit [redacted]



Video footage from a news helicopter captured Meza's movements on the property.

Roth was positioned to the rear of the residence behind a wall adjoining the freeway offramp near an Armored Response Vehicle (ARV). Roth stated to investigators that he heard Meza shooting several "volleys" of gunfire in different directions, including his location in the rear. At one point, Roth was notified via his radio that a 40 mm "less-lethal" round was deployed and Meza was "down."[5] Roth exited the ARV to help arrest Meza, but was notified that Meza had moved to another location in the yard. As Roth ran back to the ARV for cover, he heard eight gunshots behind him. Deputy Toone told Roth that Meza had fired rounds toward Roth.[6] Roth entered the ARV and took a position in the turret. Meza returned inside Unit [redacted] Roth was advised that Meza was firing directly at other SEB deputies. Several public announcements were

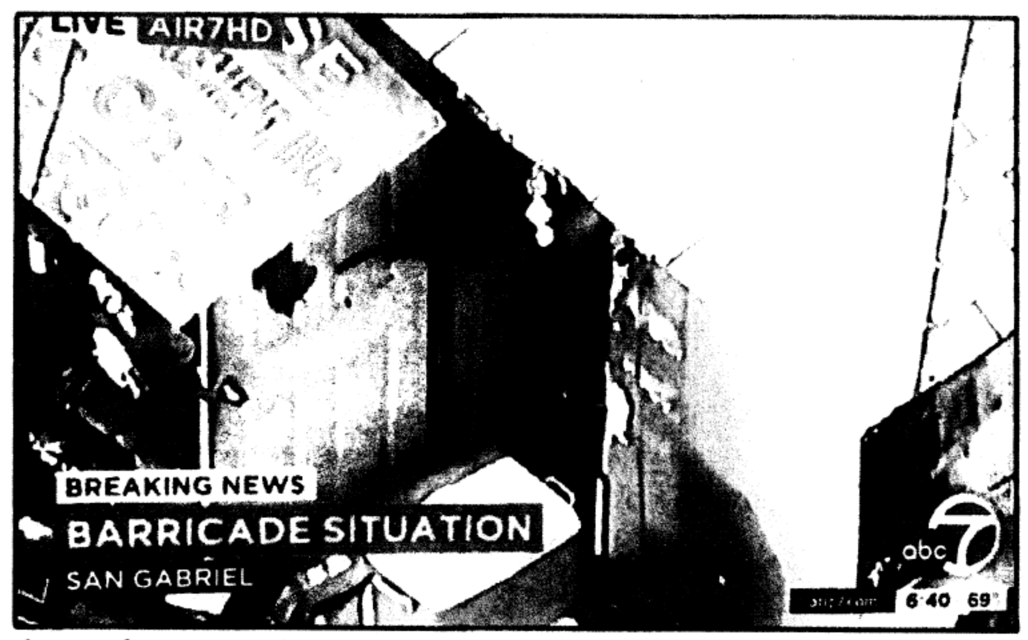
[4] Investigators interviewed numerous peace officers that stated they heard anywhere from 30 to 60 handgun rounds and eight to ten shotgun rounds being fired from the property. At one point, a detective saw Meza in the rear yard holding two silver handguns. Meza did not comply with the detective's commands and returned inside the residence.

[5] At approximately 6:13 p.m., LASD Deputy [redacted] fired and struck Meza in the back with a 40 mm "less-lethal" round. [redacted] stated that Meza fell to the ground and ran back into Unit [redacted]

[6] Toone told investigators that he warned Roth to stay behind cover because Meza had shot at him.

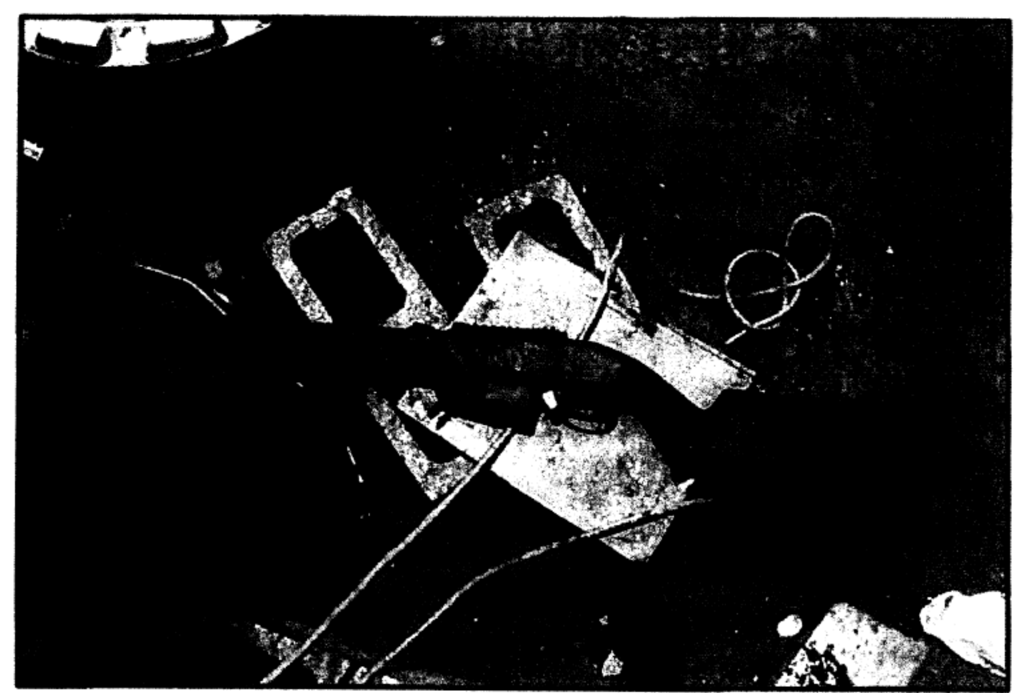
made asking Meza to surrender peacefully. SEB deputies formulated a plan and deployed tear gas into Unit [redacted]

Shortly thereafter, at approximately 6:40 p.m., Roth, armed with a service rifle, saw Meza in the doorway of the rear residence armed with a shotgun. Meza looked directly at Roth, took three steps toward him, and pointed the shotgun at him. Roth stated he believed Meza was going to shoot him. Concerned for his own safety and the safety of others, Roth fired seven rounds from his service rifle at Meza.[7] Meza succumbed to his injuries at the scene.



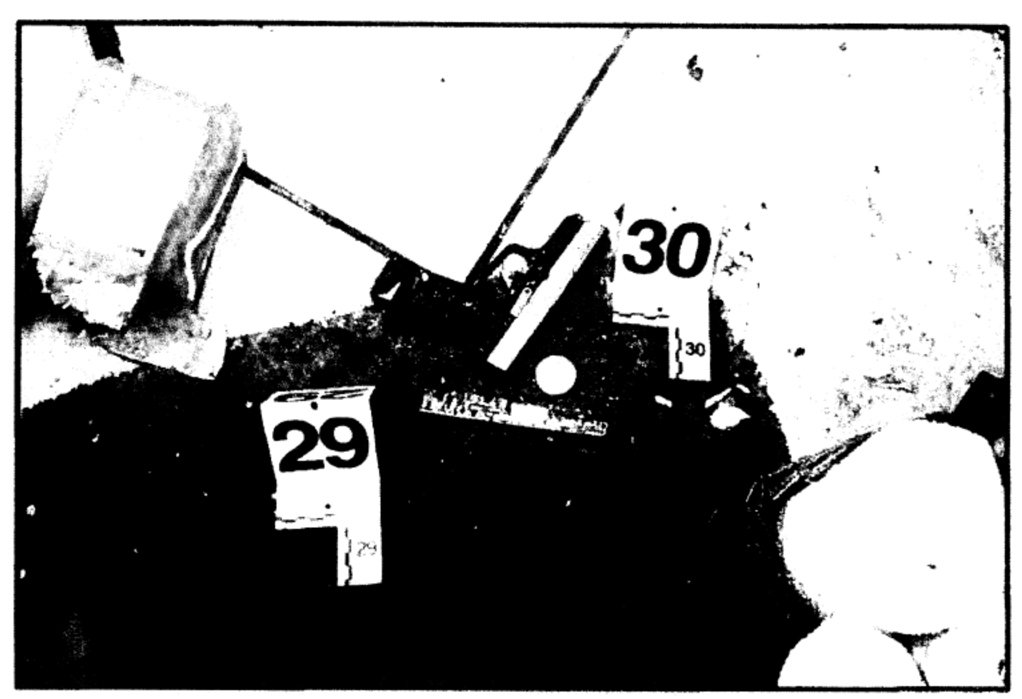
Video footage from a news helicopter recorded Meza pointing a shotgun before he was fatally wounded.

[7] Seven .223 expended cartridge cases were retrieved near where Roth fired his service rifle.



The 12-gauge pump action shotgun was photographed in the backyard of the property.[8]

Two loaded semiautomatic handguns, a 9mm and a .40 caliber, were photographed and collected inside the bathroom of Unit [redacted]



Meza's handguns photographed inside the bathroom.

[8] The shotgun was owned by a resident of Unit [redacted]

On June 12, 2019, an autopsy was conducted, and the medical examiner determined that the cause of Meza's death was multiple gunshot wounds. Laboratory analysis confirmed methamphetamine in Meza's blood.

LEGAL ANALYSIS

California law permits any person to use deadly force in self-defense or in the defense of others if he actually and reasonably believed that he or others were in imminent danger of great bodily injury or death. CALCRIM No. 505. In protecting himself or another, a person may use that amount of force which he believes reasonably necessary and which would appear to a reasonable person, in the same or similar circumstances, to be necessary to prevent imminent injury. *Id.*

In California, the evaluation of the reasonableness of a police officer's use of deadly force employs a reasonable person acting as a police officer standard, which enables the jury to evaluate the conduct of a reasonable person functioning as a police officer in a stressful situation. *People v. Mehserle* (2012) 206 Cal.App.4th 1125, 1146.

In evaluating whether a police officer's use of deadly force was reasonable in a specific situation, it is helpful to draw guidance from the objective standard of reasonableness adopted in civil actions alleging Fourth Amendment violations. "The 'reasonableness' of a particular use of force must be judged from the perspective of a reasonable officer on the scene, rather than with the 20/20 vision of hindsight... The calculus of reasonableness must embody allowance for the fact that police officers are often forced to make split-second judgments in circumstances that are tense, uncertain, and rapidly evolving—about the amount of force that is necessary in a particular situation." *Graham v. Connor* (1989) 490 U.S. 386, 396-397.

In the month leading up to the instant officer involved shootings, Meza had threatened [redacted] and fired a gun at his [redacted] and his [redacted] car. Meza had also told [redacted] that he would have a shootout with the police to avoid going back into custody. When officers arrived at the property, Meza acted in conformity with his threats. Over the course of several hours, Meza fired both handgun and a shotgun ammunition. He fired rounds in the direction of his [redacted] civilians, and police officers. He also set fire to his [redacted] residences. Meza's actions placed civilians and officers in the vicinity of the property in imminent threat of great bodily injury and death. [redacted] fired his service handgun in Meza's direction shortly after Meza fired upon a second [redacted] across the street. Several hours later, Roth fired his service rifle at Meza when Meza appeared to exit Unit [redacted] and pointed the barrel of the shotgun in Roth's direction.

CONCLUSION

We conclude that the deadly force utilized by Deputy Grant Roth and Detective [redacted] was legally justified in self-defense and the defense of others.